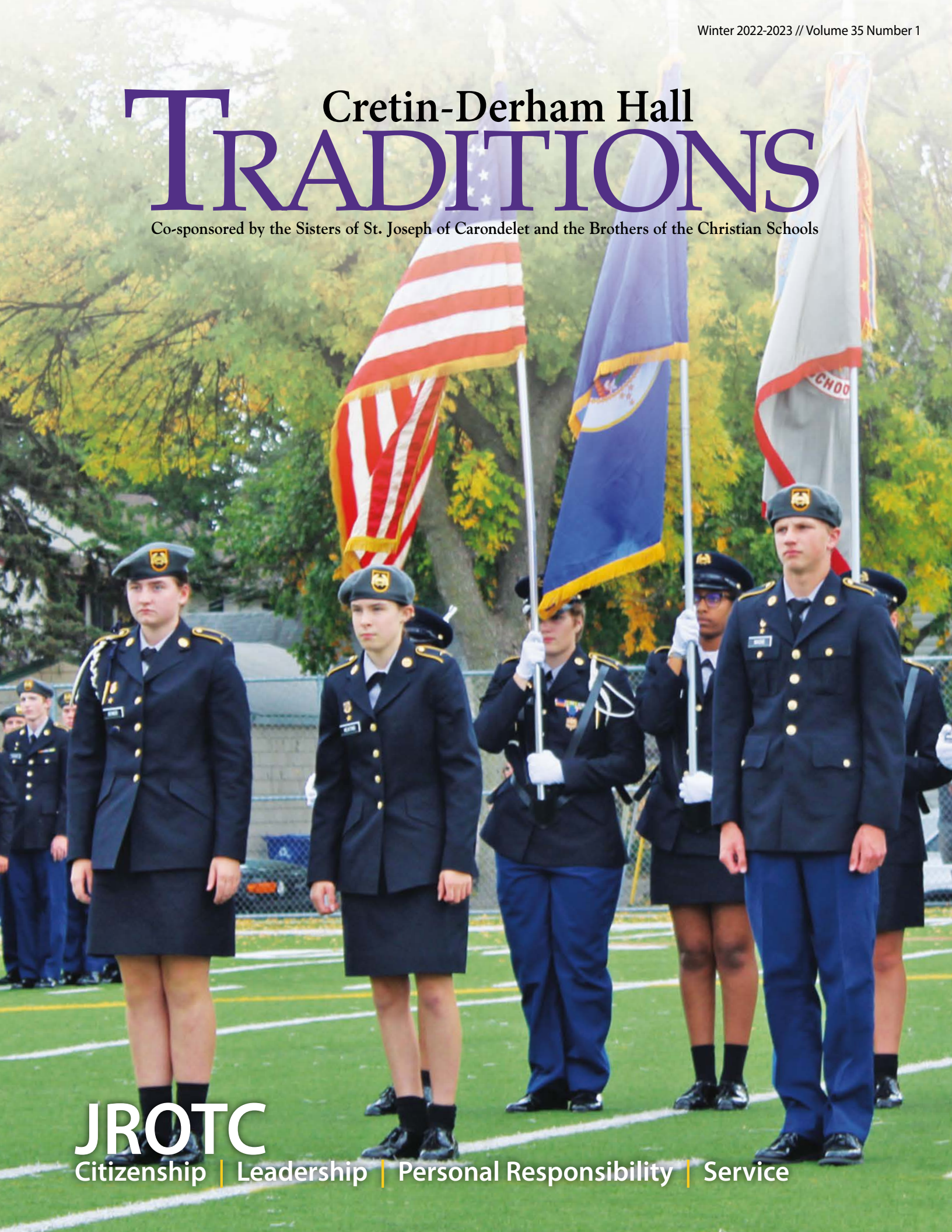


Cretin-Derham Hall TRADITIONS

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JROTC

Citizenship | Leadership | Personal Responsibility | Service

For where two or three
gather in my name,
there am I with them.

—MATTHEW 18:20



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CORRECTION // In the Summer 2022 issue of *Traditions*, the name of one of the former student-athletes was inadvertently misspelled in the listing of the 2022 CDH Athletic Hall of Fame awardees. We congratulate **Kristin Bellus-Penz** who is a member of the 1991 CDH Softball Team honored at the awards dinner.

ON THE COVER // Members of the CDH JROTC present the colors at the Fall Review. Pictured from left to right: Bridget Bower '26, Lucy Keating '26, Hannah Yaeger '25, Hamelat Zerihun '25, Connor Macke '26.

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"CDH's leadership program has developed a special focus on integrity, character, compassion, accountability, trust, and courage to prepare our students for active and ethical citizenship in service to Church and society."

Preparing Students to Lead

Leadership has been a core element of the CDH learning experience for over 150 years. Bishop Joseph Cretin envisioned a high school that would prepare young men for leadership roles in the community, business and Church, when he invited the Christian Brothers to start Cretin High School in 1871. Mother Seraphim Ireland, CSJ, with her brother Archbishop John Ireland, had a similar vision for young women when they founded Derham Hall and St. Catherine's College in 1905.

More recently, in 1991-92, leadership was ensconced as one of seven core values at CDH. For decades, CDH has offered numerous opportunities for students to learn and practice leadership skills in the classroom, through JROTC, on the playing field, and with many other co-curricular activities. Preparing young men and women for leadership roles wherever they might be is central to our mission.

Today, CDH's leadership program has developed a special focus on integrity, character, compassion, accountability, trust, and courage to prepare our students for active and ethical citizenship in service to Church and society.

Over the years, CDH has sent countless graduates into the world ready and willing to lead and serve in a multitude of ways. We are very proud of the many CDH students and graduates that, in the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Christian Brothers, have had a great impact on their sphere of influence. The examples are numerous but have a common thread of doing so in positive and faith-filled ways.

This issue of *Traditions* focuses on one particular program, JROTC, in which individuals are supported in their quest to lead in ways that impact our world in heroic, visionary, extraordinary, as well as, ordinary ways. I am confident that you will be inspired by the stories we highlight and hopefully reflect on how God has used you as an instrument to help build up our Church and society.

On a much more somber note, CDH mourned the death of sophomore Cormick Scanlan, who died of Moyamoya disease on Christmas Day. My deepest condolences go out to his entire family, including his parents Joe '94 and Heather, siblings Colin '23, Brynn and Sloane, and grandparents Mal '61 and Nancy Scanlan, among many others. The Scanlans connections to CDH go back over 100 years and they have been involved, loyal, and generous members of our community the entire time.

One message that CDH tries to impart on our students is to "show up" when people are in need. Our community did just that in epic ways during Cormick's sickness and after he died. CDH was honored to host Cormick's wake on January 6, 2023. An estimated 3,000 mourners waited in lines that wrapped through the halls of CDH for hours. The next day, Cormick's funeral at the Church of the Assumption saw similar crowds filling both the main church and the basement worship area. CDH showed up, as we should have. This is our faith and this is who we are.


The death of a student is the most tragic experience any school can suffer. Yet our faith gives us comfort knowing that Cormick is in the loving hands of Jesus our Savior. Please keep the Scanlans and CDH in your prayers. The pain of his loss continues to be very real for his family, friends and our larger community.

Through all of life's ups and downs, please remember, showing up is all we really need to do to support each other. For those in pain, words will fade, but the memories of those who stood alongside them, sharing both sorrows and joys, is what is most meaningful in their hearts.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

With gratitude,

Francis M. Miley, J.D., Cretin-Derham Hall President



The JROTC curriculum — Leadership Education and Training — is a four-year systemic progression of learning focused on citizenship, leadership, personal responsibility and service.

JROTC

CITIZENSHIP
LEADERSHIP
PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY
SERVICE

For more than a century, the JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps) at Cretin-Derham Hall has played a significant role in developing students to reach their potential through a focus on citizenship, leadership, personal responsibility, self-discipline, and service to the school and community.

Throughout its history, the JROTC program has changed and responded to the times, but has always found its purpose in preparing high school students to be responsible leaders so all can serve their community as informed citizens.

The co-educational program is optional for all students and there is absolutely no military obligation associated with the program, but those interested in military service will benefit from participation in JROTC.

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JROTC is a very important and unique part of Cretin-Derham Hall. The program had its beginnings in 1917 when Brother Justinus Elzear added JROTC to the school's curriculum with the purpose of providing leadership development to the then all-boys school. The tradition of leadership that began over a century ago continues today with tremendous growth in the program.

The impact of this program on our students can be felt beyond the four-year high-school program. Our graduates have taken their skills and training into our broader community and are proven leaders in business, government, the church, and the military.

The co-ed program, with no military obligation, has an unbroken record of JROTC's highest award, Honor Unit with Distinction, since its inception in 1929-30. This impressive honor is explained on page 14.

Over the last 10 years, this program has grown significantly. For instance, the percentage of students involved in JROTC went from approx 10–15% to approximately 28–33% of the student body.

Historically, the military program at Cretin was compulsory until 1982 when the program became optional. As a Cretin program, its roots are in being all-male, but when Cretin and Derham Hall merged in 1987, the JROTC program also welcomed young women. In 1997, Erin Sullivan was selected as the first female Cadet Colonel.

The number of female cadets has been a contributing factor to the program's growth. Notably, in just the past five years, the number of young women has tripled with close to 150 young women enrolled this year. In fact, CDH hired SFC Brittany Thingvold this winter as the first woman in our CDH history to work on the leadership team.

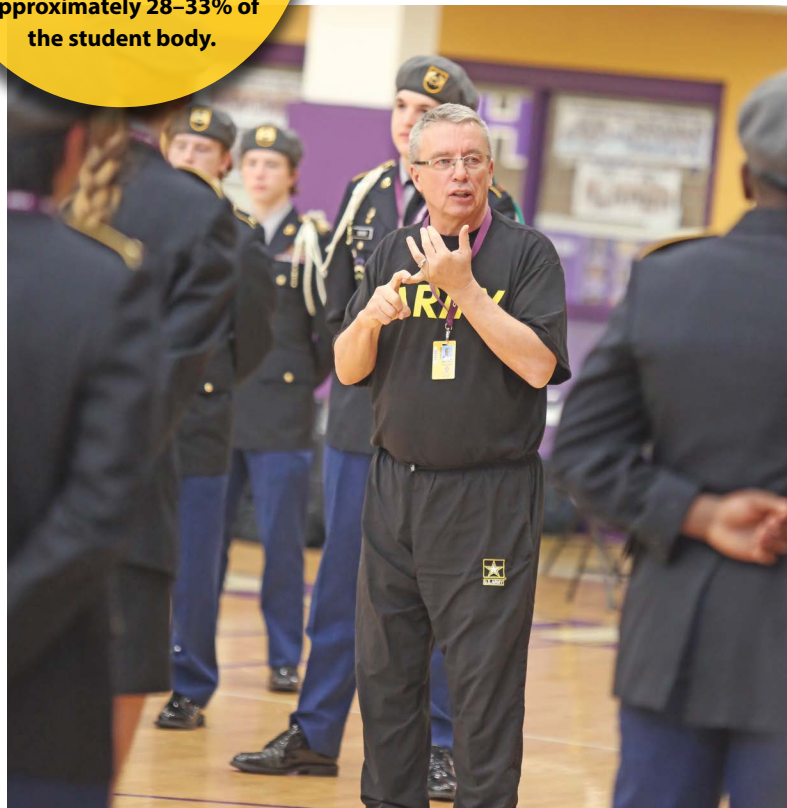
"I am very proud of the growth of young women in JROTC," reflected SGM David Berrisford '81. "This is a great program to allow young women to learn to lead. They are encouraged to reach for excellence."

In addition, the John Schaller Raider Brigade Scholarship was established to support those students who are in JROTC, providing significant tuition support, ranging from \$1,000 – \$10,000 renewable scholarships after an application process, which includes an essay. The awardees may renew their scholarship if in good standing.

While a student at Cretin, John Schaller '71 played golf, baseball, and was on the state championship bowling team. His passion was JROTC, which he credits with teaching him discipline, a lesson he has carried with him since his graduation.



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TOP SGM Berrisford '81 delivers the JROTC curriculum to a class of sophomores.

MIDDLE Olivia Kimlinger '23 is promoted to cadet during the 2022 Diamond Promotion ceremony.

BOTTOM MSG Peloski gives direction during Leadership Lab.



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— COL JOE SCROCCA

With gratitude for the impact JROTC had on his personal and professional life, he is proud to support the scholarships.

Program Curriculum

The nationally accredited JROTC curriculum — Leadership Education and Training — is a four-year systemic progression of learning focused on citizenship, leadership, personal responsibility and service. Students register for one JROTC class each trimester as part of their normal school day. The program also allows students to enroll at any time during their high school years.

"The curriculum is challenging but also fun," said COL Joe Scrocca. "I am proud to watch the cadets progress through the ranks and develop their own leadership style...and put what they learn in the classroom into practice in leadership labs, co-curriculars, and other school activities."

The purpose of the program is to prepare high school students for responsible leadership roles and be participating citizens by making them aware of their rights, responsibilities and privileges as Americans.

"I continue to be impressed with how well our students meet the challenges put in front of them," said MSG Ken Peloski. "It is rewarding to see the high standards they set for themselves and to strive to be the best cadet they can be."

Often JROTC cadets are photographed in formal uniform, but most days they wear the standard CDH uniform. The military uniform is required in certain situations outside of school and on predetermined school days as part of the program.

Co-curricular Options and Major Events

In addition to classroom-based curriculum, there are many co-curricular activities offered for JROTC students who can further hone their skills and find their passion in programs that range from Flight Club to Archery. A more complete list is available on page 9.

JROTC is also the largest service organization at Cretin-Derham Hall, typically performing over 4,000 service hours for the school and greater community each year.

One distinctive act of service is the presence of the JROTC Color Guard at funerals of alumni. For many in our community,

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MIDDLE Cadets in the Flight Club check out the cockpit of a C-130 Hercules aircraft of the 96th Air Squadron, US Air Force Reserve.

BOTTOM Cadets take part in a Leadership Reaction course at Camp Ripley in 2022.

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this act of respect is a very meaningful way our students continue to honor those in our community who have passed away.

One of the highlights of the year is their 20-year partnership with Junior Achievement to teach elementary students a curriculum focused on community. This past December more than 260 cadets from CDH taught Kindergarten – 5th graders at Highland Elementary, Hazel Park Elementary, and The Heights Elementary. Not only is this an opportunity to serve the community, the cadets build skills as they prepare and rehearse lessons, practice public speaking, and more.

The JROTC also had the honor of volunteering at special events such as the NOREX 50, the Norwegian Reciprocal Exchange between Norway and the USA. According to COL Scrocca, their exemplary service was noticed by dignitaries Governor Tim Walz, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Representative Betty McCollum, the US Ambassador to Norway, Marc Nathanson, and the Norwegian Ambassador to the US, Anniken Krutnes.

Throughout the year, there are several opportunities to work hard and bond, ranging from the Camp Ripley Adventure Training each fall to a special night of dinner and dancing at the Military Ball.

At CDH, there is all-school support for the Diamond Promotions, the announcement of cadet leadership each year. The Diamond Promotions are held as an all-school assembly in the Fall. One hallmark of this event is the high level of enthusiasm on the part of the student body and the faculty and staff who come prepared to cheer on these honored cadets as they are announced.

This past February, the CDH JROTC program hosted the largest comprehensive, joint service (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine) competition in the Upper Midwest known as the Upper Midwest JROTC Challenge. This is a student-run event with more than 100 cadets running the event and 30 people competing in the events of the day, alongside hundreds of other high school students from 11 local and regional JROTC programs, some from as far away as the Upper Peninsula and Chicago.

Although new to the team, SFC Thingvold is impressed with the array of formative experiences built into the CDH experience. “These are unique experiences that JROTC delivers. Our hope is that our program helps students succeed in these opportunities and also in their overall way of life.”



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TOP LEFT A CDH cadet helps a student with her Junior Achievement lesson in 2022.

TOP RIGHT The 2022 Diamond Promotions were held during an all-school assembly and the student body came ready to cheer on their fellow students.

MIDDLE LEFT Newly promoted CDH cadets with the US Army Cadet Command, 3rd Brigade Command team, COL Adam Lewis and CSM Frank Guerrero III at the 22-23 Diamond Promotions.

MIDDLE RIGHT JROTC Flight Club pose in front of aircraft with members of the 96th Air Squadron of the US Air Force Reserve.

BOTTOM CDH cadets at Norex 50 with LT GEN Jensen, the Director of the Army National Guard and Pat Harris '84.

JROTC Offers a Broad Slate of Co-Curricular Activities

As a member of JROTC, cadets are part of the largest service organization at Cretin-Derham Hall, typically performing over 4,000 service hours for the school and greater community each year. The CDH JROTC program hosts the largest comprehensive, joint service (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine) competition in the Upper Midwest known as the Upper Midwest JROTC Challenge. Students have the option to join in specific activities on a co-curricular basis as well, with most being held in the morning or during FLEX so cadets can participate in sports in the afternoons.

Activities or co-curriculars sponsored by the JROTC include:

- > Air Rifle Team
- > Archery
- > Precision Drill
- > Color Guard
- > Regulation Drill
- > Crack/Armed Drill
- > Honor Guard
- > Orienteering
- > Flight Club
- > Robotics
- > Cyber Patriot/
Cyber Start
- > Camp Ripley
Adventure Trip
- > Military Ball
- > Fall Review and Twilight
Parade
- > Camp Wilderness JROTC
Cadet Leadership
Challenge



Camp Ripley Leadership Reaction Course





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JROTC Instructors Lead the Brigade with Infectious Passion

This year, CDH welcomed a new instructor, SFC Brittany Thingvold to the team, the first female JROTC instructor in the history of the program. The JROTC Leadership Team brings a balance of tradition and energy to the program that has seen steady growth over the past several years.

SFC BRITTANY THINGVOLD

20 Years Active Duty

SFC Thingvold served 23 years in the Minnesota Army National Guard, 20 of those years full-time. She served as a Senior Human Resources Sergeant, Readiness Non-Commissioned Officer, Minnesota's first ever Air Defense Artillery Training Non-commissioned Officer, Officer Candidate School/ROTC instructor, and secretary to the General Staff for the 34th Infantry Division. She is quick to say that she believes she has found her 'dream job' working at Cretin-Derham Hall in the JROTC program.

SFC Thingvold retired from the military in 2020 and explored opportunities that would keep her in public service. Prior to retiring from the Army, she completed all of the requirements for a JROTC Instructor position. As such positions are rare, coupled with the COVID impact on job opportunities, she accepted a position as the Recruitment and Retention Human Resources Specialist for the City of Maple Grove, until she took a call from SGM Berrisford who, after their conversation, said he would hire her in a minute if the rare position ever became

available at CDH. Two years later, she was hired at CDH! After talking to SGM Berrisford again, and the rest of the team, she knew. "I admired their enthusiasm and passion. That is when I knew this is where I belong. I am honored to be chosen for literally, my dream job."

Growing up in a small town in northern Minnesota, Thingvold comes from a family of educators, coaches, and her mother was the secretary to the district's superintendent for 30 years, and she is proud to join their ranks. A majority of her military career was developing young soldiers, and mentoring them as they grew throughout their military career. She enjoys the fact that many still reach out to her for advice, or share their success stories. She is excited to have a chance to now mentor both young women and men at CDH in a similar role.

Her motivation to lead CDH cadets is simple. "I believe that JROTC delivers a unique life experience, and am eager to see our students succeed in our program and their overall way of life. I am so impressed that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the student body chose JROTC, and am committed to giving 110% to support the CDH and JROTC values."

She joins an experienced and committed leadership team.

COL JOE SCROCCA

28 Years Active Duty

- 10 years as an Army aviator flying scout helicopters,
- 3 years teaching American Politics at West Point,
- 15 years as Director of Communications and Public Affairs for various military organizations during both peacetime and war.

COL Scrocca joined CDH as a JROTC Instructor in 2021. He is proud that CDH offers cadets the opportunity to learn and do things they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience in school. He believes the JROTC curriculum is attractive to students who are committed to service and want to become better leaders. "The curriculum is challenging, but also fun," he notes. "I hope our cadets graduate as servant leaders of character who know and recognize the importance of personal responsibility and service to the community."

SGM DAVID BERRISFORD '81

23 Years Active Duty

- 23 years in the Minnesota Army National Guard serving in many roles, including Unit Supply Sergeant, Chemical Operations Sergeant, Aviation Operations Specialist, Helicopter Mechanic, Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant, First Sergeant of Civil Support, and Operations Sergeant Major for the 34th Infantry Division Support Command.

SGM Berrisford '81 is the only cadet in CDH history to become an instructor here. He has been an instructor for 15 years. As a cadet, he was promoted to Diamond Officer, serving as a Major. Over the past 15 years, the JROTC program has grown significantly. "I believe the students and their parents/guardians see the value in what our program has to offer." He particularly notes the growth of female cadets and their great skills they bring to the program. "JROTC is a great program to allow young women to learn to lead...they are encouraged to reach for excellence."

Pictured (l-r): SFC Brittany Thingvold, SGM David Berrisford '81, COL Joe Scrocca, MSG Ken Peloski

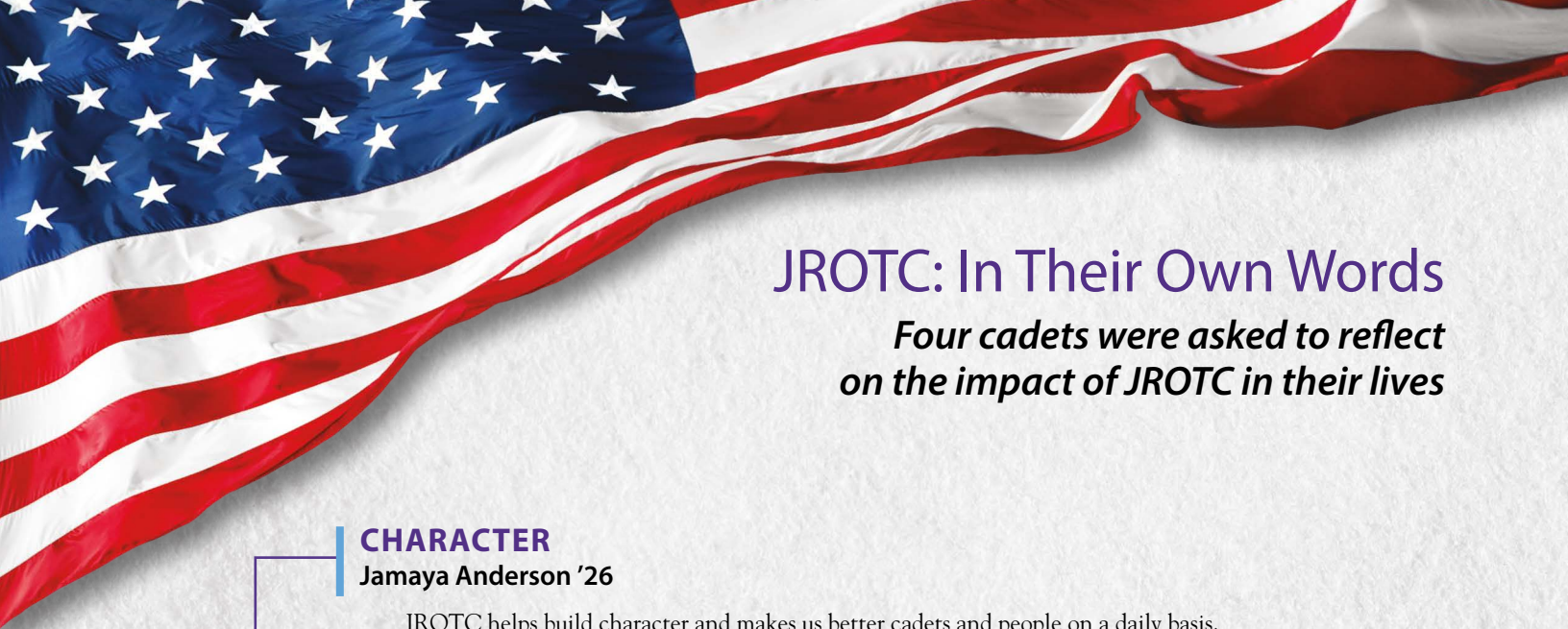
MSG KEN PELOSKI

20.5 Years Active Duty

- 7 years working with short and medium range Air Defense Missile Systems in Germany, Fort Stewart, GA, and Fort Bliss, TX.
- Finished career as an Active Duty Recruiter with follow-duty Recruiting and Retention NCO (Non-commissioned officer), and Area Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge.

After retiring from active duty, MSG Peloski went to Minnesota Transitions Charter School in Minneapolis to establish the JROTC program as the Senior Army Instructor, a position not typical for a senior non-commissioned officer. After four years, he transferred to CDH. Along with SGM Berrisford, they were tasked with building the program at CDH. He is impressed with how well the cadets meet the challenges before them. "The cadets are put in leadership positions and are taught how to make sound and timely decisions. It is rewarding to see the high standards they set for themselves and to strive to be the best cadet they can be."





JROTC: In Their Own Words

Four cadets were asked to reflect on the impact of JROTC in their lives

CHARACTER

Jamaya Anderson '26



JROTC helps build character and makes us better cadets and people on a daily basis.

As a JROTC cadet, I feel that JROTC sets us up for success by putting us in leadership roles and supporting us to become strong leaders. The staff is very supportive and helpful and they help us build a path to success everyday. The JROTC program helps build our character by putting us in leadership roles and having us advocate for ourselves.

JROTC strives to develop us as servant leaders of character. Character is a critical aspect of leadership because we are taught leadership failures are most often failures of character. Thus, leadership development is really about character development, and that is what JROTC focuses on.

Being in JROTC has taught me what it means to be a credit to my family and country. Being in this program has also taught me how to advocate for myself, how to build healthy relationships, and how to expand my circle of friends.

I would say that joining this program makes students more accountable for our actions. JROTC has helped me become more of a leader and I strive to make myself and others better on a daily basis.

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RESPONSIBILITY

Keyon Archer '25

JROTC teaches students many different fundamental values. One significant value that stands out is teaching responsibility and the need to hold people accountable for their actions. We learn about this in class and the instructors hold us accountable for all that we do. This concept will stay with us for the rest of our lives. Throughout our years we see how important responsibility and integrity are to our community. These teachings allow cadets to be more prepared for their jobs, work, and college when they graduate high school. When students learn and understand that they are responsible for their actions, they are able to persevere and fix mistakes they made.

Teaching these ideas to young men and women in high school opens up the opportunity for students to focus on education, work, or athletics with these values already instilled in them. It also limits any mistakes or failures a student might make regarding these ideas (responsibility, accountability) in your high school years before they have more serious consequences as a college student and or adult.

Lastly, responsibility and accountability are extremely important and needed in a well-rounded cadet, student, and citizen.



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LEADERSHIP

Lillian Moore '24

At Cretin-Derham Hall, the JROTC program teaches leadership in a variety of ways. To start, leadership is taught by the upperclassmen cadets through the organizational structure of the brigade. Through their roles in senior leadership, the older members provide guidance and aid to the younger members, while remaining positive role models and setting an example of dedication, persistence, personal accountability and confidence.

Under the leadership of the upperclassmen, the new cadets learn what it means to teach and serve in the Raider Brigade, CDH and neighborhood communities.

Drills and ceremonies also provide opportunities for the continued teaching and growth of leadership. In Leadership Lab, each member of the battalion has a role, and through guided squad, platoon and company drills, leaders practice giving commands and members practice executing them. In both the Fall and Twilight Parades, JROTC cadets present to the school their hard work and dedication by marching, performing stationary commands, and showcasing precision. In doing so, every member of the program is performing at their best — and dressed to the nines — yet another lesson of leadership that the program teaches.

In continuing to work to be and become their best selves, along with being leaders by example and action, cadets are rewarded through promotions. When promoted to the next rank, JROTC members take pride in both their efforts and their success, knowing that their actions of leadership are benefitting not only themselves, but their community.

JROTC teaches the theory, application and evaluation of leadership — through Leadership Labs, service learning projects and classroom activities — and ensures that every member benefits from leading themselves and others.

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SERVICE

Matthew McConville '23

The overall goal of JROTC is to “motivate young people to become better citizens.” One of the easiest ways to become a better citizen is to volunteer and serve your community. By doing this, cadets will better themselves and give back to the people who make their lives easier. The opportunities offered in JROTC to serve are once in a lifetime and give cadets the opportunity to connect with people they may not otherwise meet.

In February, the Raider Brigade provided cadets to volunteer at a dinner for deploying MN National Guard Soldiers/Airmen. At this dinner, aside from the hundreds of National Guard soldiers and airmen, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Governor Tim Walz, Representative Betty McCollum, both of the US and Norwegian Ambassadors, and other senior leaders from the National Guard were in attendance. This was a significant opportunity to support these people who impact our lives. By being there to support their efforts, we may make a difference in our community, and even the world.

Service is beneficial for many reasons. It promotes a sense of social responsibility and civic engagement, provides opportunities for personal growth and learning, and connects community members on a personal level. Service also helps boost your self-confidence and self-esteem. It's been proven that volunteering increases your overall life satisfaction. If I can improve my mindset and make someone's day better, why would I not? That is why I value my time in JROTC.

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95 Years as Honor Unit with Distinction

Cretin-Derham Hall is proud to have held the highest rating for excellence since the inception of rating JROTC units in 1930. As of 2023, CDH has an unbroken string of having the highest rating of Honor Unit or Honor Unit with Distinction.

An *Honor Unit with Distinction* is signified by the gold star worn just above the right pocket on the Class A and B uniform. The designation *Honor Unit with Distinction* is the highest award an Army JROTC Brigade can receive and represents the Top 15 percent of the over 1,000 JROTC programs throughout the United States. For a JROTC Brigade to qualify as an Honor Unit with Distinction, it must maintain stringent appearance and performance standards and obtain a rating of at least 96% in both the Formal Inspection and the Annual Unit Report.



A Few of Our Notable JROTC Alumni

Jacques Michienzi	Cadet Captain	Cretin High School, 1939–43	Military Career
John Albers	Cadet Technical Sergeant	Cretin High School, 1945–49	CEO of Dr. Pepper
James Duffy	Cadet First Lieutenant	Cretin High School, 1956–60	Associate Justice, Hawaii Supreme Court
Robert Carlson	Cadet Major	Cretin High School, 1958–62	Roman Catholic Archbishop of St. Louis
Thomas Schwartz	Cadet Colonel	Cretin High School, 1959–63	Army General, Commander USFK
James Kowalski	Cadet Master Sergeant	Cretin High School, 1960–64	Founder of Grocery Store Chain
Paul Molitor	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	Cretin High School, 1970–74	Baseball Hall of Fame
Thomas Murray	Cadet Major	Cretin High School, 1971–75	USMC Major General, Commander, Training and Education Command
Joseph Votel	Cadet First Lieutenant	Cretin High School, 1972–76	Army General, Commander JSOC
Christopher Coleman	Cadet Staff Sergeant	Cretin High School, 1975–79	Mayor of St. Paul, MN
Steve Walsh	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	Cretin High School, 1981–85	NFL, CDH Football Coach, CDH Major Gifts Officer
Paul Moga	Cadet Major	Cretin-Derham Hall, 1987–91	Brigadier General, USAFA Commandant of Cadets, F22 Test & Demo Pilot
Matthew Birk	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	Cretin-Derham Hall, 1990–94	NFL Super Bowl Winner, Baltimore Ravens
Kenneth Leuer	Brigadier General	Instructor at CDH	US Army Ranger Hall of Fame — Started the CDH Wrestling Team

Dear Friends,

In 1965, when I was an 8th grader at St. Luke's (now St. Thomas More) I contemplated where I would go to high school. My first choice was Nazareth Hall, which at that time was the high school seminary for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis. I found out they only took the top ten percent of graduating grade school students. I was not in that group and thus not accepted.

When I was feeling down over my first big rejection in life, my father, to cheer me up, told me I would be going to Cretin High School. Besides being his alma mater, he believed it was a place where discipline was the backbone of the school and he thought it would be good for me. He told me I would be in the military program where I would learn how to take orders, keep my hair cut short, and my shoes shined. He said the Christian Brothers' expectations would keep me in line when I needed it, which I think he thought would be a daily occurrence. He was proud of being a graduate of Cretin and he said set him up for any success he had throughout his life. He said the same would be true for me too if I followed the program. I couldn't wait to sign up.

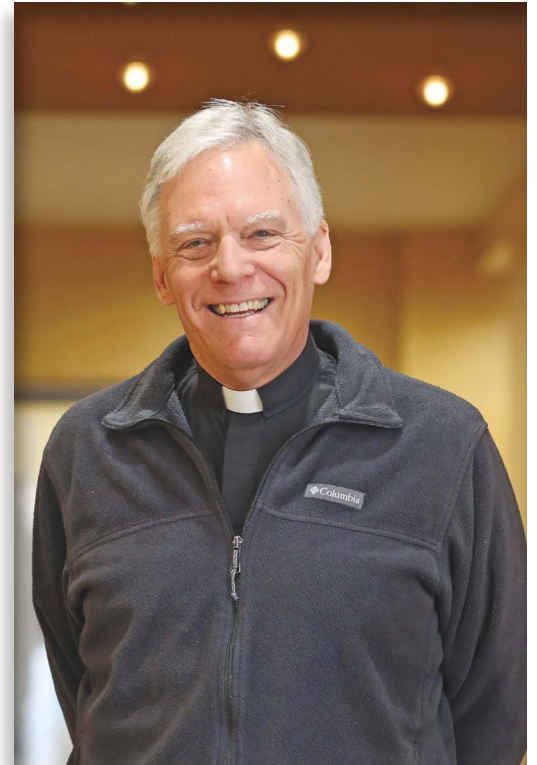
It was true the Brothers made us tow the line and so did the lay faculty. But the place where discipline was most evident was in the daily schedule of the military program at the school. All of us had to endure the "sweet disposition" of Sergeant Stock in my day. He and the other retired service members taught us how to read maps of Vietnam, salute properly, march in formation, and do an about face without falling over. We, as kids, got caught up in the bluster and the bravado they used to get our attention. Some kids bought into all of it, and others didn't.

I was one who didn't 'get into it' in those days. I have come to realize I missed the deeper grace actualized in my day. The grace I speak of is the notion that the heart and soul of the JROTC program is service. It always has been, and it is now, as it continues to invite the young men and women of CDH to participate.

It is a program, not unlike the other programs at CDH, that develops a magnanimous spirit in the students involved. From my vantage point, learning to serve others is fundamental to the core reason why kids today make a choice to participate in JROTC. And whether or not they pursue further studies in this direction, they, like so many other students at CDH, learn the value and the significance of finding ways to serve their sisters and brothers when they graduate.

There are many paths and ways to do this in life. CDH has always had the opportunity to provide its students with possibilities to consider as they move through their four years and then make decisions about what they do next. Yet, it has always been the hope of Cretin, Derham Hall and now CDH, that no matter what each student does in the future, placing themselves at the service of others, to our country, to the church, to communities they live in, will be the hallmark of the lives they live. The desire and commitment to do so, began here in this place.

May God bless you and your family,
Father Patrick Kennedy '69



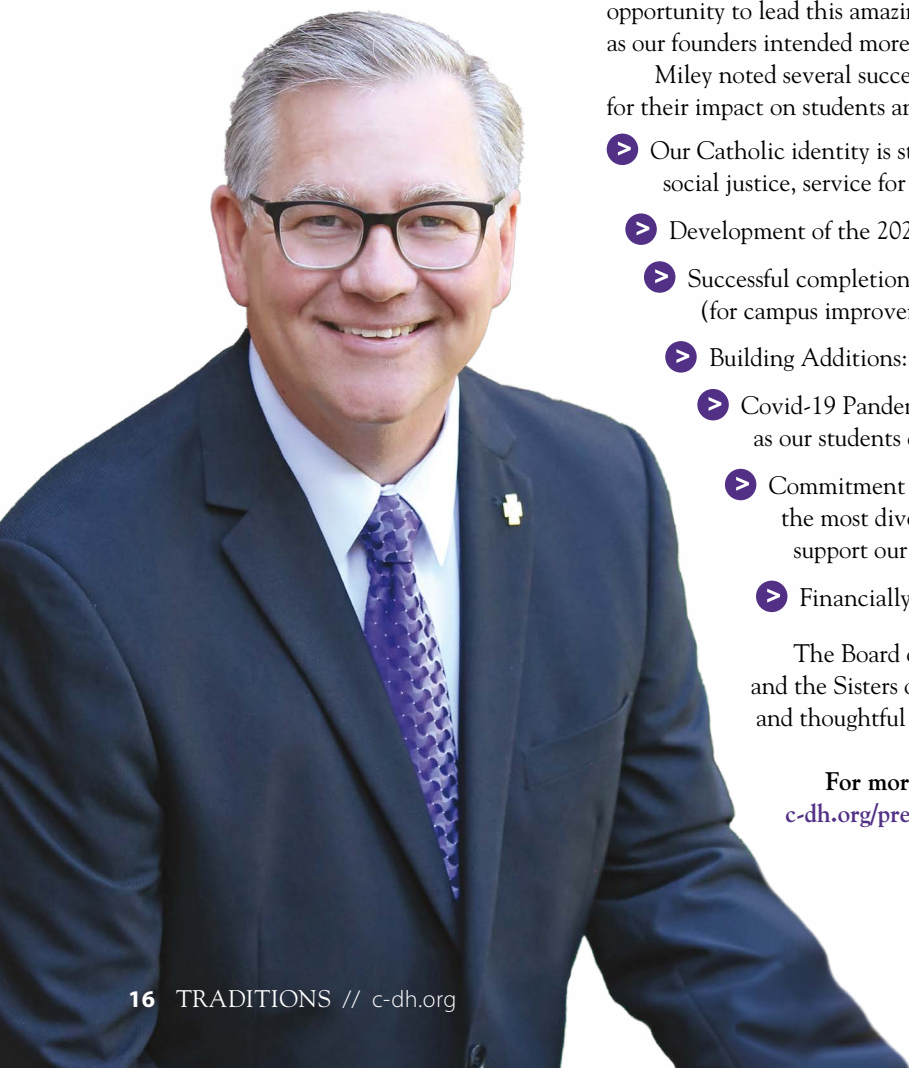
*"Cretin-Derham Hall
remains one of those
places where educating
students involves not just
passing through the world
but being engaged with
the world through
human relationships."*

President Frank Miley Leaving at End of School Year

Retiring from Catholic Education to become Trustee at Otto Bremer Trust

“Being the President of Cretin-Derham Hall has been the honor of a lifetime and I believe deeply in the vibrancy of our mission, and especially in the students, faculty/staff, parents, alumni, and benefactors who make it so.”

— FRANK MILEY



Frank Miley, President of Cretin-Derham Hall announced his retirement from Catholic education to become the trustee of Otto Bremer Trust.

Mike Dickson, Board President noted, “Our community has been blessed with exceptional leadership and commitment by president Frank Miley for the past seven and a half years. While this is a tremendous loss to our CDH community, we congratulate Frank on this extraordinary opportunity to continue to serve our broader community with the values and integrity that have been the hallmark of his leadership.”

As president for the past seven and a half years and VP for Advancement before that, Miley has shepherded our community through unprecedented times such as a pandemic and rapid changes in our world and society at large, while also spearheading many significant campus improvements including the Lentsch Family Forum and the Ryan STEM Center. Additionally, he brought our community together to define and implement the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. He will leave our school on sound financial footing, with the completion of a successful capital campaign and strong fiscal management.

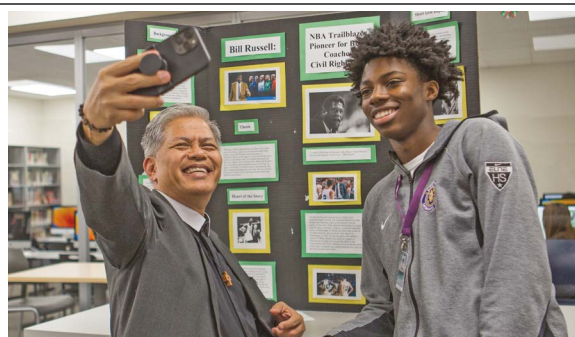
“Being the President of Cretin-Derham Hall has been the honor of a lifetime and I believe deeply in the vibrancy of our mission, and especially in the students, faculty/staff, parents, alumni, and benefactors who make it so,” said Miley. “Thank you for the opportunity to lead this amazing community in our shared mission to transform lives as our founders intended more than 150 years ago.”

Miley noted several successes during his leadership that are particularly noteworthy for their impact on students and families:

- > Our Catholic identity is strong as we are committed to prayer, Gospel values, social justice, service for the common good, and love of God and the Dear neighbor
- > Development of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan
- > Successful completion of the Strong Foundation, Vibrant Future Campaign (for campus improvements and financial aid)
- > Building Additions: Lentch Family Forum, Ryan STEM Center
- > Covid-19 Pandemic — we did our very best to offer in-person education as our students deserved
- > Commitment to the Dignity and Inclusion of all — we currently have the most diverse staff and Board membership in school history, all to support our students
- > Financially we are strong, and have resources to ensure a strong future

The Board of Directors, lead by our sponsors the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and have begun a very thorough and thoughtful search for the next President of Cretin-Derham Hall.

For more information on the status of the search, please refer to c-dh.org/pres-search.



Br. Armin Luistro, FSC, leader of Christian Brothers worldwide, toured the school and enjoyed talking with students and observing their work and sense of community.

Superior General of the Christian Brothers Visits CDH

Br. Armin Luistro, FSC Intrigued by Blessed Brother James Miller's CDH Story

"Every day, I wake up and consider the fact that the number of students we serve worldwide is increasing but so are our challenges, and it can be overwhelming," humbly reflected Br. Armin Luistro, FSC, Superior General of the Christian Brothers. "How do we address huge global problems? How do we build the resources to do so? How do we put the needs of our students first? I have been inspired by the stories of Br. Fixit that I hear at CDH and will just wake up every day and get to work."

Br. Armin Luistro, Superior General of the Christian Brothers visited Cretin-Derham Hall when he was in the Twin Cities to receive an honorary doctorate from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in January. Elected to Superior General this past May, 2022, this was his first visit to Minnesota as the worldwide leader of the Christian Brothers.

He refers to Br. Fixit, a nickname given to Blessed Brother James Miller by his students during his time at Cretin. As the story goes, Blessed Brother James Miller would teach during the day, and then change quickly into his overalls and go about campus just fixing the things that needed fixing. Years later, he became a martyr when he was murdered as he was fixing a wall at the school in Guatemala. He was beatified in 2019, and is the first CDH student and teacher on the path to sainthood.

As Br. Armin walked around CDH, he was intrigued by the stories of Blessed Brother James Miller. He stopped and talked with many students and enjoyed meeting the young men and women, who he observed, "were engaged in so many different creative activities, whether it was math, science, arts or sports and were connecting with their teachers."

He spoke of the key contribution of a Lasallian education, which he believes is education for life — holistic and integrated subjects — life lessons, not just book lessons — an environment conducive to young people — and a focus on meeting students where they are on their unique journey.

"I saw this beautiful way the CDH teachers create little spaces where they can walk with the students rather than direct them," he observed.

He was particularly interested in how the Lasallian values were applied outside the classroom and talked to several students who took their lessons in school and were actively trying to change the world beyond their school community, in one case serving weekly meals at Dorothy Day.

"I often think we desire to be leaders in bringing justice and peace to the world, but we hesitate if we don't have a (metaphorical) army. We are most effective in small initiatives... those efforts we can actually accomplish in our daily lives."

As the leader of the Christian Brothers, Br. Armin officially resides in Rome, but is originally from the Philippines. As Superior General, he is often traveling around the world to visit the 80 countries that are served by the Christian Brothers. He entered the Christian Brothers in 1979 and took his final vows in 1988 and has been an educator throughout his ministry, including serving as Philippines' Secretary of Education from 2010-2016. He now leads more than 3000 Christian Brothers, 100,000 lay partners, and 1,000,000 students around the world who are dedicated to the mission of Lasallian education.

Service — Faith in Action

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' — Martin Luther King, Jr.

After the significant changes in how Cretin-Derham Hall incorporated service during the challenging years of COVID restrictions, the students and faculty are able to return to using their time and talents for the common good.

As the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Christian Brothers have modeled for generations, we must seek ways to serve if we are to truly embrace loving the dear neighbor without

distinction. From the long tradition of Empty Bowls to building Habitat houses, assembling bikes for low income families, to serving at Dorothy Day, CDH has incorporated service into our curriculum, especially in the senior seminar classes, Campus Ministry service days, retreat opportunities to serve, JROTC, and many co-curricular activities.



- 1 | CDH student-athletes help our neighbors with the Annual Fall Cleanup.
- 2 | Ava Yets '24, along with Ayden Burke '23 and Ava Weiland '24, gathered donations and funding for Decontamination Buckets she supplied to St. Paul Firefighters.
- 3 | Students work with Habitat for Humanity on a home construction project.
- 4 | Students hold an annual blood drive for Memorial Blood Banks.
- 5 | Members of the CDH football and basketball teams assembled hundreds of bikes at Mauer Chevrolet for distribution to needy children and teens in the community.
- 6 | Andrew '25, Will '23, and Anna '23 Ek volunteer at Dorothy Day on the weekends to serve pancakes and more to the homeless.

Superfans Bring the Energy

You see their colorful themed attire. You hear their passionate roar. They are the CDH Superfans.

An official student organization, Superfans are full of Raider spirit and ready to cheer on their fellow student-athletes.

This year, the Superfans have taken a step forward and now are attending sporting events across the board at CDH. All students and student-athletes join in on the fun and electric energy the Superfans bring to athletic events.

According to Superfans moderator Jerry Kline '93, around 100 students have inquired about becoming a Superfan, and there is a high number of participants at sporting events all year long.

The students make a significant time commitment to get ready for each event. Typically, the group gets to games an hour before the scheduled game time. They rally the crowd and keep the school spirit high.

Unless there is a designated color for fans to wear, the purple and gold is the go-to color scheme for the Superfans.

"It's always good-natured themes," Kline said when asked about deciding what attire or theme the Superfans suggest for the fans in the stands to wear. The Superfans' dedication to supporting the Raiders from beginning to end can bring the student section together during both good and bad times.

"Rain or shine, cold or heat, we've been through it all," Kline said. "It just shows the endurance and passion of the CDH students. If you believe in and love CDH enough, you'll go through anything."



REGISTER TODAY FOR SUMMER CAMPS

The Cretin-Derham Hall Athletic Department is pleased to announce their 2023 Summer Camp dates for the upcoming summer.

Registration is now open!

This year CDH will offer a plethora of different sports camps for both boys and girls. The 2023 camp offerings include the Daniel Oturu '18 Basketball Camp, the Steve Walsh '85 QB Camp as well as other sports camps covering girls basketball, football, boys hockey, boys and girls tennis, volleyball, softball, baseball, lacrosse, wrestling and our Raider Speed and Strength Program.

Camp dates, hours and cost vary and are offered between June and August.

"We are thrilled to provide a great summer camp platform that includes all genders and interests in a variety of sports," said Matt Funk, CDH Athletic Director. "We hope this is the start of a long line of Future Raiders into our community."

Visit cdhraid.org/summercamps for a list of camps offered and registration information. Contact the CDH Athletic Office at 651-696-3342 if you have any questions.

Making History Relevant

Angie Keske brings real people and real stories to life.

Keske has been at CDH for 26 years, her whole teaching career. A recipient of the CDH Values Award for faculty in 2012 and 2022, she is highly regarded for her creativity and passion to utilize content to teach critical thinking skills. She is an Instructional Leader, implementing Professional Learning Communities for the faculty, and co-created a teacher mentor program.

Why did you become a teacher?

My mom taught special education in Minneapolis. She was a powerful and impactful teacher, teaching learning disabled students how to read. Some of her students reported to me that my mother was the reason they made it through school and could read. I was impressed that her work with those students would last forever.

What drew you to teaching Social Studies?

In college, I took World History from Dr. Steven Gosch at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire that changed the way I viewed myself as a citizen in the world. He was passionate about history. He made ancient history relevant with his unique insights that he could connect to the present day. He taught me that growth happens when students are immersed in the learning process and guided by a caring and passionate teacher.

You have a unique approach to teaching...tell us a little bit about how you make social studies relevant?

Teaching history is a creative challenge because I have to design lessons about really old stuff and make it relevant today.

In my lessons, students are invited to be actively engaged in the learning of concepts and content. My activities attempt to bring history and geography to life. I give students time to practice their history and geography skills. Small and large group discussions provide opportunities for students to learn about multiple perspectives and develop empathy. I design lessons where student voices are heard and valued and I am not the center of the classroom. I try to give students some ownership of their learning and believe that a little bit of “productive struggle” is meaningful and leads to growth.

What are you known for in the classroom?

I am known for time travel. I usually blink the lights off and on and we all pretend as if we are in a time machine traveling back in history to explore primary source documents and events.

I am also known for dressing up — as historical figures or time periods to help bring history alive. I will also be in costume for Halloween and any other Raider activity.

Sometimes I use music to connect students to history and geography and I am known for dancing in front of my students while it plays.

I am known for being blunt, honest and real with students.

If a student isn't paying attention I may tell them to get out of “hamburger land” — a fictional place teenagers go when they are dreaming about lunch or anything else besides school. Sometimes kids will say to me, “Ms. Keske — I gotta be honest with you, I wasn't paying attention, I am sorry — I was in “hamburger land.”

I am known for working hard at teaching and I expect the same hard work from students.

What advice would you give your students as they become more active citizens?

Get to know real people and listen to their stories. Stay informed by reading and watching diverse news sources. Get involved in your community and help create a more just and humane world. You can make an impact!

Beyond the curriculum/course work, what do you hope your students learn from you?

I am amazed at how invested CDH students are in their education and how quickly they adapt to new challenges and learn new things. I hope students learn that through their own hard work, self reliance, and resourcefulness, they grow self confidence and believe they are capable of just about anything.

What do you think is special/distinctive about CDH?

CDH stands out because the teachers really know their students. The school day is structured to give students 30 minutes a day of “flex time” to get help from a teacher or study individually or with friends. Our students have a more personal and hands-on learning experience because of the smaller class sizes. Teachers can give personalized attention to student academic and emotional needs.

How and why did you get involved in the choreography of the infamous — and beloved — faculty dance at Homecoming?

Every year the students ask the teachers to perform. I love to dance and competed at the studio and high school level. I even competed for fun in a dance competition. Choreographing and teaching the faculty dance was a way to bring us together and build Raider spirit and community. It showcases our faculty having fun. One of my favorite faculty dances at Homecoming was to Prince's “Purple Rain.” We had so much fun.

“CDH was my first teaching job and the intensity at which a CDH student approaches their high school education has always impressed me. It pushes me to be a better teacher. Thank you.”

— Angie Keske

LIGHTING QUESTIONS

HISTORY OR HUMAN GEOGRAPHY?

Hard to choose but human geography is a result of history!

BIKE OR HIKE?

Bike

COFFEE: HOT OR ICED?

Hot

FAVORITE SHOW(S) TO BINGE?

I am not a binge watcher usually but I do love *Law and Order SVU* and don't need to binge watch it because I don't miss an episode.

OCEAN OR LAKE?

Lake

BON JOVI OR TAYLOR SWIFT?

Taylor Swift

TOP 3 HISTORICAL SITES EVERYONE SHOULD VISIT?

1. Cairo, Egypt and the Giza Pyramids
2. Istanbul, Turkey
3. Carnton (in Franklin, Tennessee)



Keske dressed up as Inez Milholland earlier this year. Milholland was an American suffragist and labor lawyer. She is best known for leading the 1913 women's suffrage parade in Washington, D.C., dressed in a flowing white cloak and crown and riding a white horse.

Your Generous Support Changes Lives

Dear CDH Community,

Thank you for your generosity. That single word holds great meaning at CDH because we see it in action every single day.

Earlier this year, our **GiveCDH Day** to support tuition assistance was a fantastic success with a wide swath of support from our community.

One of our donors was from Class of 1940! (He graduated from Cretin 83 years ago!) Also, an impressive 29% of those who participate on **GiveCDH Day** are current or past parents! The Class of 1960 (Cretin and Derham Hall) rallied their classmates, resulting in 25 donors, topping the Class Giving leaderboard.

One of the giving challenges on that day was from our sponsors, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who hoped to motivate new and increased gifts, resulting in a wave of new energy with 45 donors (5%) who have never given to CDH before and nearly 50% of donors increased their GiveCDH gift over last year.

We also celebrated the successful conclusion of the **Strong Foundation – Vibrant Future Campaign** which brought in more than \$22.4 million over the past five years.

Wow! This level of support from our community is second to none and we are in awe of the impact that comes from this generosity.

Let's be clear about why this matters. Because of our community's generosity, today's students and families benefit from unparalleled excellence in their CDH experience:

- **Tuition Assistance of more than \$10 million** — this keeps tuition lower for each and every student and provides significant needs-based aid so that any family who wants a CDH education for their children can get one.

Plus, we were able to invest:

- **New Lentsch Family Forum**, the new living room of our school, where students work and connect with each other daily.
- **The Ryan STEM Center**, where design and engineering space encourages cross-curricular problem-solving, creativity, collaboration and more.
- **Significant campus updates** that focused on digital network enhancements, safety and security, energy efficiencies and basic infrastructure needs of a campus that is over a hundred years old.
- **Sponsorship of the CSCOE Believe and Read Program** designed to get each student reading at or above grade level in our Catholic elementaries, equipping them with skills needed for lifelong learning and academic success.

Our benefactors clearly know and love the seven values of Cretin-Derham Hall: **Catholic • Academic • Equity • Leadership • Community • Service • Diversity**. We have often discussed, that in our minds, we would like to 'add' one more value to that list — **generosity!**

Without our community's generosity, the long tradition of excellence and our vision for a strong and sustainable future, simply would not be possible.

We thank you for partnering with us to support this sacred mission entrusted to us by our founders, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever. Let us love God and the dear neighbor, without distinction.

Frank Miley
President

Rob Bollinger
Vice President for Advancement

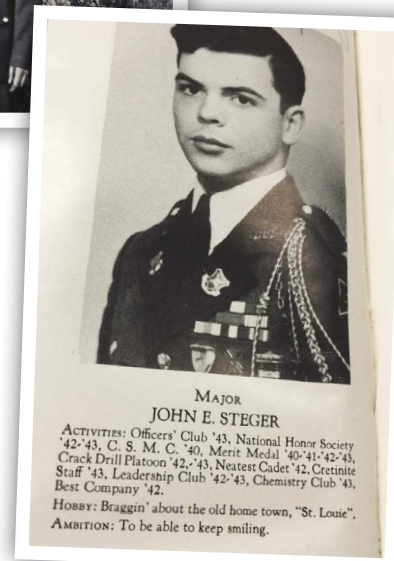


Jack on his first day at Cretin.

BELOW: Jack's senior yearbook.



Nan and Jack Steger '43 were all smiles as they celebrated Jack's birthday in 2007.



Nan Steger's Commitment to Catholic Education is Unwavering

Nan Steger is not an official alum, but her heart is with Cretin-Derham Hall just the same. For years, she and her late husband, Jack '43, have supported the school and have named CDH in their will.

Why have you named CDH in your will?

My late husband, Jack Steger '43, loved Cretin and considered it a very important part of his life. His father had a love of Cretin as well — all of his five boys graduated from Cretin and they all did very well in their lives. Cretin meant a lot to both of them and our whole family.

What does CDH mean to you?

Jack credits Cretin for having a major influence on his life. The whole family knew how much Jack appreciated Cretin — it was a place of great growth for him.

Do you have a favorite story about CDH?

Jack had fun all his life. He had an absolutely great and sometimes off-the-wall sense of humor and just totally loved life. In high school he could be a bit of trouble.

His family moved up here from St. Louis when he was a freshman. One day at the beginning of class a teacher said, "Who is Steger?" When Jack raised his hand, he said "you sit right here in the front" and every single class that day his teachers told him the same thing. He also discovered that his locker was moved two doors down from the principal's office.

That day he walked home and thought to himself "My life has just changed. What am I going to do?"

He really did appreciate the lessons he learned at Cretin and the way his teachers had high expectations of him. It got him going on his path to adulthood.

How do you stay connected to CDH?

Four of our grandchildren went to Cretin and Jack was on the President's Council. Cretin was fantastic back then and it's still fantastic now.

Why would you encourage other people to give?

I'm a firm believer in Catholic education and in supporting it. I also believe that God has given us much and we are expected to give it back to others. That was just one of the basic things that both Jack and I believed in.

We've talked with our children a lot about how important it is to give back and that future generations learn to be philanthropic. Our children have all learned that. They have learned that well.

Dolan Family Honored Their Dad and His Love of CDH

Four generations of the Dolan family have a strong connection to Cretin-Derham Hall. After Doc Dolan '53 passed away, the family chose to honor their dad with a gift to Cretin-Derham Hall. Kevin Dolan '91 shared some insight into how they made this decision.

Why did you and your family choose to make a gift to CDH in honor of your dad?

Cretin-Derham Hall was such a big part of my Dad's life, it was an easy decision for our family to participate in the CDH Memorial Giving program.

As a proud 1953 Cretin graduate, Doc stayed very close to his classmates by organizing class reunions, monthly lunch gatherings and he often gathered classmates to visit friends who were sick or in need of visitors. We are forever thankful for Doc's Cretin friends as they were very devoted visitors in Doc's last months with us. These visits meant a lot to Doc and really gave him a boost on days when he needed it.

Through the years, Doc could always be found supporting his grandchildren at many sporting events. Many years ago, Doc chose to live across the street from CDH so that he wouldn't miss any of his grandchildren's games. Even when he had no grandchildren playing, he still never missed any games. Our family consists of four generations of proud graduates. We are thankful for the Cretin-Derham Hall community as they offered up many prayers for Doc as he got closer to passing.

We felt that a memorial gift to CDH was a great way to say thank you for the gift of prayer as those prayers were answered and made for a peaceful passing for our father.

While his brothers attended St. Thomas Academy, Doc had the good fortune to attend Cretin where he displayed athletic prowess participating in football, basketball and baseball. Doc and his brothers took the CDH-STA rivalry to a different level while maintaining mutual respect for one another and each school.

What do you hope your gift provides to current and future students?

Our hope is that the contributions can be used to financially assist students who are also in pursuit of an outstanding Catholic education and who want to be a part of an amazing community of students, faculty and alumni. Doc would specifically want the money to be used for tuition assistance for those that are working hard but just coming up a little short.

Doc understood that as the cost of education has risen over the years, the continued sacrifices that families have to make are significant and difficult.



The Dolan Family (l-r): Colleen Sullivan, Sheila Dolan Boland '80, Tim Dolan '96, Katie Pevan, Doc Dolan '53 (*deceased*), Pat Dolan '78, Peggy Knutson, Kevin Dolan '91, Shannon Janssen, Bridget Dolan Neurer '88.

Why would you encourage other people to make memorial gifts?

We believe that alumni have a responsibility to provide assistance in an effort to build students of high character and extreme religious and moral integrity which will provide a long term benefit to our community. Our hope is that we can make a difference and that someday the students will choose to give back and support others looking for similar assistance.

What did CDH mean to your dad?

Doc's love of Cretin-Derham Hall began when his parents moved their family to St. Paul from their farm in Milroy, MN in pursuit of Catholic educational opportunities. Cretin had such a profound impact on Doc that he studied to become a Christian Brother for a while. The values that Doc learned at Cretin stayed with him in college at St. Thomas College, in the Army and throughout his career working in the restaurant business. Doc sought out CDH kids to work in his restaurants, specifically ones from very large families as he figured those were the ones who needed the extra cash the most.

Doc loved the quality of education that we received, the morals and values that were taught, and the community of people that we were surrounded by. The CDH community meant the world to Doc. His love of sports combined with his belief that CDH taught life skills like discipline, integrity and leadership.

Doc also believed that if you invest in a kid's education, you are giving them a gift for life.



If you are interested in learning more about Memorial Giving, please contact Rob Bollinger, Vice President for Advancement at 651-696-3343.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Planning is underway for reunions to be held later this year, particularly for the milestone reunions! If your graduation year ends in 3 or 8, stay tuned for more information on your reunion!

1963 — 60 YEAR REUNION**CRETIN CLASS OF 1963**

Chair: Tom Troskey —
ttroskey@q.com

DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1963

Chair: TBD

1973 — 50 YEAR REUNION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Pool and Yacht Club

CRETIN CLASS OF 1973

Chair: Bob Stupka —
bstupka@davannis.com

DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1973

Committee: Kate Galligan Faricy, Colleen Geraghty Langford, Katie Culligan

1983 — 40 YEAR REUNION**CRETIN CLASS OF 1983**

Chair: TBD

DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1983

AUGUST 12, 2023

Pool & Yacht Club

Chair: Caren Petrulo-Berry
caren.petrulo-berry@plunketts.net

1993 — 30 YEAR REUNION**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1993**

Chair: Jen McDonald McMahon
jenandar@msn.com

Committee: Finbar Murphy, John Mazzietello

1998 — 25 YEAR REUNION**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1998**

Chair: Jaclyn Erickson Davern
jaclyn@hightophospitality.com

2003 — 20 YEAR REUNION**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 2003**

Chair: John Samec —
jhawkmpls@outlook.com

Committee: Tricia Runyon Eibert,
Cristen Capron Ostrom, Tony Caruso,
Natalie Brennan Jackels

2013 — 10 YEAR REUNION**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 2013**

Chair: Maureen Czech McClanahan
czechmaureen@gmail.com

2017 — 6 YEAR REUNION

Chair: Sam Miller
sam.miller@claconnect.com

Committee: Marina Tschida, Amanda Reding, Maddy Weegman, Molly Johnson

2018 — 5 YEAR REUNION**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 2018**

Chair: TBD

SAVE THE DATE

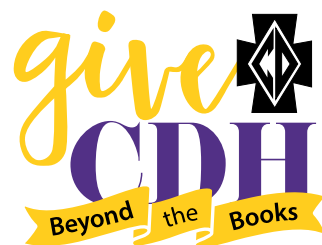
for exciting CDH events
coming up this year!



FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
6-10 PM

The 9th Annual Taste of CDH is a fun and casual event to gather the Cretin-Derham Hall community together in the Joe Mauer Field House to enjoy food and beverages from local alumni vendors. Celebrate the past, present, and future of CDH.

Register at c-dh.org/tasteofcdh



THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

This special giving opportunity provides support for Athletics and Activities giving our student experience a tremendous boost in their quest for excellence.

Early Giving Period
April 27–May 3

“You don’t work in the NBA, you live in the NBA”

Sean Sweeney '02 never strayed from his passion.

BY LAUREN CAMPBELL

At eight years old, Sean Sweeney '02 knew exactly who he wanted to be. He didn't just want to watch basketball games, or even play. He wanted to know everything there was to know. He would read about tactics and diagram plays to understand what made his favorite teams so great. He fell in love with the sport, and he wanted to make it his life's work.

Unlike many eight-year-olds with big dreams, his never changed. He stayed focused, and did everything he could to get there.

“My mother and father were always very encouraging about it. They always stressed the importance of the amount of work that you have to put into it and the amount of commitment you have to make if you want to pursue a lofty goal or something off the beaten path. They taught me to put a lot of time into it, to really commit to it, and not to look for the fallback plan.”

So Sweeney played basketball in high school and at the University of St. Thomas, where he also coached for the first time, leading an AAU team. He took his first coaching job at the University of Evansville as Director of Basketball Operations, then moved on to Academy of Art University, and quickly rose to Video Coordinator for the University of Northern Iowa and then the New Jersey Nets (now the Brooklyn Nets). By 30, he had been promoted to Assistant Coach.

“When I got to the NBA, I realized just how much better these guys are than I thought. Seeing them on TV and going to games as a fan was one thing, but then seeing that sustained greatness and players doing incredible things in practice every day was a reminder of how much time and commitment has to be put into it,” explained Sweeney. “The coaches are so good, the players are so good, so you’re in a position where you are constantly competing against the best and in a position where you have to keep improving yourself.”

Sweeney managed to keep up. He had been promoted under Head Coach Jason Kidd, and followed him to the Milwaukee Bucks in 2014. Sweeney moved to the Detroit Pistons in 2018, and then reunited with Kidd in 2021 at the Dallas Mavericks, where he is today.

“He has given me opportunities to grow, given me new responsibilities while holding the team and myself accountable,”

he said. “I’m very fortunate to have a guy as my boss who is as smart as he is basketball-wise, but also committed to seeing those around him do well. He really leads by example and allows others to be successful.”

Sweeney hopes to emulate Kidd in his own behavior on the court. At every level he’s coached, he’s focused on helping his players improve. He’s also had the opportunity to emulate him more directly, stepping into the role of Head Coach when Kidd wasn’t able to be there.

“Until you have the experience, you can think about it, you can plan for it, but you don’t necessarily know what it’s entirely like,” Sweeney said. “It was an honor, and I was very fortunate to have that opportunity. What made it even better was that my boss was supportive and the players all really helped me when I was given that role while he was out.”

Sweeney makes no secret of the fact that he’d like to be a Head Coach himself one day. Getting there will require the same intensity and focus that he’s put into his career so far. Moving across the country every few years, and working in a high-pressure industry, there’s not much time for hobbies.

“I was taught that you don’t work in the NBA, you live in the NBA,” he said. “You go where the job is and you put in the time.”

Fortunately, he’s one of those lucky people whose career is his true passion. Sure, he loves visiting his family, or cheering for Notre Dame football, but everything comes back to basketball. As a student at Cretin-Derham Hall, he learned about the concept of vocations, and he took it seriously. He credits CDH for his commitment to his goals, and for the determination to follow through.

“When I think back to high school, I think about the teachers I had and the people who coached me,” Sweeney said. “They laid the foundation for me to understand what it means to be a good person and how to work hard. The values they enforced were really important and have helped me be productive in whatever role I have. That’s foundational level stuff. Fundamentals are a really important thing in basketball, and my fundamentals, my habits are the things I learned at CDH.”

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— SEAN SWEENEY '02





US World War II veteran James Anthony “Jacques” Michienzi ‘93 salutes as he arrives at a ceremony on Omaha Beach in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, western France on June 5, 2019, in homage to native American Indians who took part in the D-Day landings of World War II. (PHOTO BY LOIC VENANCE / AFP)

Michienzi earned dozens of prestigious awards throughout his decades of military service. Quite possibly, he is the most decorated veteran alive today.

Distinguished Service Cross
 Silver Star (5)
 Legion of Merit
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Bronze Star for Valor (6)
 Purple Heart (6)
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Medal (6)
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Army Commendation Medal
 Good Conduct Medal
 Combat Infantry Badge (3)

For more information on Michienzi’s story, scan the QR Code to listen to a 2020 interview with North Carolina’s PBS station.



“No one else I ever served with came close to the soldier-warrior you were. That’s why I want to thank you for the privilege, short though it may have been. I have used you in leadership classes to younger officers and in Veterans’ Day speeches ... You were the epitome of courage and led by personal example. A role model of the ‘Warrior Spirit.’”

— Written in 2002 by Sam Matthews, who served as company commander under Michienzi for only five days in 1969.

A Highly Decorated Veteran of Three Wars

Jacques Michienzi '43 has always been eager to serve.

BY LAUREN CAMPBELL

Lieutenant Colonel Jacques Michienzi '43 isn't sure I want to hear his story. "These are not pleasant stories," he warns, early in our conversation.

As a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, Michienzi has seen things no one would want to recount. Ask him about his teenage years at Cretin, though, and he's more than ready to talk.

As a Captain in JROTC, Michienzi was in the Officers' Club, as well as the Calisthenic and Crack Drill platoons. He was involved in a variety of activities, including being the Co-captain in Football, plus Basketball, and Baseball. The Class of 1943 was notable for their successes in sports that year. He is also a member of the CDH Athletic Hall of Fame. In his senior yearbook, he noted that his ambition was to be a test pilot, and that his hobby was raising homer pigeons.

He remembers the school as a place where the Christian Brothers were dedicated to the development of young men and were serious about good behavior.

He cleaned his uncle's West 7th tavern on weekends, and occasionally some of the Brothers would drop in and give him a hard time. It was a military academy in a time when military service was at the top of everyone's minds. The boys were expected to be respectful, diligent, and eager to serve.

Michienzi at War

Michienzi graduated just a few months after the Nazis declared "Total War." Troops were spread across the world. He wanted to join the Army Air Corps, but couldn't pass the vision test so wound up a paratrooper instead. His mother cried.

In 1944, he started his combat service in Belgium, where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. As a member of the 513th Parachute Infantry, he parachuted to the German side of the Rhine in early 1945. Men died mid-air, and the rest found themselves dropped in the midst of a German battalion awaiting their arrival. Still, the Allies prevailed. They captured more than 1,100 prisoners the first day and eventually took Münster.

As a first lieutenant in Korea, he refused medical treatment when wounded in order to lead his men to safety.

In Vietnam, he led a battalion known as the "Iron Fists," a Battalion known for overtaking the opposition while suffering fewer casualties. "[Michienzi] was at least the meanest man I ever knew. He was tough ... I respected and feared that man," said LTC Dudley Combs in a 1999 interview.

One particular three-day battle in Vietnam led the battalion to receive the Volorous Unit Award. "Even to this day, I am filled with pride as I remember the extraordinary heroism of such great warriors during that rather intense combat operation," Michienzi wrote in 2000.

Most of these war-time stories are found in a book created as a tribute to Michienzi's military career. Michienzi doesn't talk about any of this. He takes great pride in his service to our country, but has no interest in reliving those memories.

It is notable that Michienzi is a highly decorated war hero, having served in three different wars. He is one of only 325 American heroes awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for having served in combat during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. His impressive list of honors is listed on page 28.

Michienzi During Peacetime

After WWII, Michienzi enrolled at Nevada University and played football and basketball. He joined the ROTC program and was the Distinguished Military Graduate of the Class of 1951.

He met his wife, Dorothy "Dody" Daniel Michienzi, at the airport when he was back in St. Paul visiting his mother. They married, and he joined the Berlin Command as an operations officer in 1957. Michienzi is still convinced he got the job because four-star general Edward Meyer took a liking to him. Their eldest daughter, the first of three, was born in Berlin. The family lived there until 1960.

Michienzi formally retired from the military on June 1, 1973. For the last fifty years, he has been devoted to ensuring his fellow veterans receive the recognition they deserve, writing commendations and speaking at Veterans' Day and Memorial Day events. In 2019, he traveled to Normandy with a group of high school students in honor of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

He and Dody raised their three daughters — Anne Marie, Nancy Jo, and Lisa Jean — and settled in North Carolina. One of his grandsons followed in his own footsteps, attending the Air Force Academy. Just the day before we spoke, the grandson had brought his own son for a visit with Michienzi and Dody. The couple will celebrate 67 years of marriage this year.

After decades of service, and seeing things most of us are lucky to be unable to imagine, Michienzi considers if he would recommend a military career to young people. "Would I do it again? I don't know, probably not. But then again — maybe I would."

A Career Forged from Curiosity

Tammy Trenter Redpath '87 has been learning and leading around the world.

BY LAUREN CAMPBELL

Thirty years at Target took Tammy Trenter Redpath '87 around the world. Now, she steps into the next chapter.

As part of the last graduating class from Derham Hall, Tammy Trenter Redpath '87 remembers high school as an incredibly strong community of young women.

"Derham Hall showed me the power of building strong, connected, supportive, amazing relationships with incredibly talented women. We showed up to support each other, celebrate one another, and learn from each other. I learned that being authentic is foundational for building relationships and that there are so many ways women can build each other up," she said.

Supporting other women became a foundational part of her career, which spans more than 30 years at Target and, just six months ago, a major transition to Lakeshore Learning Company.

Redpath didn't start out with the goal of climbing the corporate ladder. As a teenager, she was more focused on school, friends, and her day-to-day life. She earned a degree in marketing from the University of St. Thomas and then got her first job as an Executive Team Leader in Target Stores — "It was a job. I could pay my bills and my student loans."

It wasn't long before that job transformed into a calling. She rose through the ranks, following her curiosity to design global events, create an in-house creative agency, and coach fellow employees in their own career trajectory.

Leading in a Global Arena

In 2017, she was tapped to lead Target in India.

Her husband, Dan Redpath '86, was opening his own business at the time: Union 32 Crafthouse in Eagan. Their two children, Hannah Redpath '17 and Ryan Redpath '14, were in college. They decided to embrace the opportunity to be a global family, so she moved to Bangalore on her own.

"I landed in India in the middle of the night and immediately wondered if I had taken on too much. I called Dan crying and saying, 'Oh my gosh, I'm so scared, what have I done?' That feeling never went away, but I realized how much I could grow from it."

"It all ties back to the idea of curiosity," Redpath said. "I had to acknowledge all the things I didn't know, ask for help, be open to failing and learning. I had to learn and better understand the business, the opportunities, and the culture of India. And I was able to do that because of an incredible support network back home, as well as through the team and community in India, who were all so supportive and caring."

While the feeling never went away, Redpath made a tremendous impact during her three years in India, particularly in her focus area of championing women. She led a team of thousands to business success, and also increased diversity, equity, and inclusion within Target India. She launched Target Elevate, a conference designed for women in technology to advance in their



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— TAMMY TRENTER REDPATH '87



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— TAMMY TRENTER REDPATH '87

Tammy celebrates with Target in India Leadership.

careers. Through the Target in India Accelerator program she helped startups scale, working particularly closely with TrashCon and MasterG & Daughters, two mission-driven female-founded companies.

“It's an incredible program to see these entrepreneurs develop their experience, their skills, and grow. The startup ecosystem in India is rich and robust, and it's really important for Target to invest in that ecosystem both to support startups and to help Target shape the future of global retail.”

She returned to the U.S. after more than three years in India to become Senior Vice President of Marketing. Over the years, Redpath had received plenty of calls for other opportunities. She was always happy to take a call, but had continually chosen to remain at Target, “an amazing company that offers incredible opportunities to grow and develop in your career.”

A New Focus

That changed in 2022, when a former colleague connected her with Lakeshore Learning, a leading developer and retailer of

top-quality educational materials. They needed a Chief Engagement Officer. Redpath, once again, took the leap.

“It's a purpose-driven company focused on bringing the joy to learning, founded by a woman, with tremendous potential for continued growth,” Redpath explained. “It was a chance to make an impact and take on new challenges for this next chapter of my career.”

It's been a major shift. With 3,500 employees, Lakeshore Learning is less than 1% of Target's size. Operations are more nimble, the pace of change is faster and employees wear multiple hats.

It's been a big transition, but Redpath's commitment to her purpose hasn't changed. When she talks to young adults in her life, she gives them the advice that took her years to figure out: don't just look for a job.

“I tell them to think about the things that they want to experience on their journey,” she said.

“To think about their purpose, their values, and the difference that they want to make in the world.

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"Do your part to help build up the kingdom of God in the hearts of your students."

— ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

Students are at the heart of the Lasallian mission. **WORLDWIDE**, Lasallian ministries are present in **79 countries** with **3,100 Brothers** and more than **104,000 lay partners** serving **1,066,395 people** (2021).

In the **UNITED STATES AND CANADA**, the De La Salle Christian Brothers and Lasallian Partners serve more than **100,000 people** through a network of **7 colleges**, **51 high schools**, **21 middle/elementary schools**, along with other youth and family ministries, retreat centers, summer camps, and support ministries.

In the **MIDWEST DISTRICT**, which includes seven states, including Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Tennessee, Montana, Oklahoma, the Christian Brothers have a vibrant presence.



16 High Schools

5 of which are in the Twin Cities (CDH, Totino-Grace, Holy Family, Benilde-St. Margaret, DeLaSalle)

3 Universities

including St. Mary's University of Minnesota



4 Retreat Centers

1 of which is in Minnesota (Dunrovin)

2 Publishing Houses



1 Provinciate Office



104 Brothers

Hundreds of Lay Partners



CDH EVENTS

// MARCH 2023

- 19 Feast Day of St. Joseph
- 28 ACT Testing for Juniors

// APRIL 2023

- 1 CSCOE Big Bang Event
- 3-10 Easter/Spring Break
- 14 Blood Drive
- 24-28 STEAM Week
- 26 Grandparents Mass
- 28 Taste of CDH

// MAY 2023

- 4 GiveCDH Day: Beyond the Books
- 5-7 Spring Musical **MAMMA MIA!**
- 10 JROTC Twilight Parade
- 12-13 Spring Musical **MAMMA MIA!**
- 15 Feast Day of St. John Baptist DeLaSalle
- 16 Choir Spring Concert
- 18 Band Spring Concert
- 19 Seniors Last Day
- 20 CDH Prom
- 31 Baccalaureate Mass

// JUNE 2023

- 5-6 Tri III Exams
- 6 Last Day of School
- 19 Juneteenth

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2022 COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER



The Cretin-Derham Hall Community Awards Dinner was held on October 24, 2022 at the Saint Paul Hotel. This wonderful evening celebrates all of the best of our community!

These Community Awards honor the significant accomplishments of our distinguished alumni and friends. The entire CDH community is grateful for the impact they make in both big and small ways.

"We congratulate these impressive honorees," said Rob Bollinger, Vice President for Advancement. "They live out the values of Cretin-Derham Hall and make a tremendous impact in their own spheres of influence. Our community is stronger because of their outstanding service, career achievements, and continuing support for CDH."



Pictured (Standing, l-r): Frank Miley, Jim McGurran '04, Brigadier General Paul Moga '91, Mike Dickson '83, Lance Bonner '06, Dr. Robert Schaaf '68, Joe Mauer '01, Rob Bollinger. (Seated, l-r) : Dr. Kendra Harris '09, Amy Dickson, Br. Michael Rivers, FSC, Kristin Rolvaag Garey '67, Katie Williams Szyman '84, Anna Taylor Ciconte '13, Maddie Bisanz Mauer '01.



**MONSIGNOR AMBROSE
HAYDEN LEGACY AWARD**
Joe '01 & Maddie '01 Mauer

Presented in honor of Monsignor Hayden to awardees whose spirit and energy reflect an understanding of the need to preserve the past and provide for future generations.

- Actively involved with supporting Gillette Children's Hospital, hosting events to help raise funds and spread awareness for all that Gillette does to support children who need care for complex medical conditions.
- Longtime supporters of the Highland Friendship Club, a local organization that provides social and community connections for teens and adults with disabilities.
- Active supporters of Crescent Cove, a hospice offering care for children with shortened life expectancy.

"When Joe and Maddie support a cause, they put their hearts and souls into making a meaningful impact at every level. They have brightened the lives of hundreds of children and adults who have disabilities by providing opportunities and experiences that would have otherwise been unavailable. Their constant generosity with their time and resources, as well as their positive energy with everyone they meet has changed the lives of so many."

— PATTY DUNN, HIGHLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



BISHOP CRETIN AWARD
Dr. Robert Schaaf '68

Presented in memory of Bishop Joseph Cretin to a Cretin alum in recognition of his outstanding service to the community and to Cretin-Derham Hall, and for his achievements in his profession.

- Advocate for patients, radiologists and all physicians in North Carolina's medical organizations.
- Past president of the North Carolina Medical Society.
- Started his career in neuroradiology in 1980 at Wake Radiology, the state's largest, privately owned radiology practice, and later went on to lead the practice for more than 30 years.
- Nationally respected mentor to current radiology practice leaders.

"Bob leads by example. He is considerate of others and manages to bring out the best in those with whom he works. He is collaborative, inclusive, and quick to give credit to those on his leadership team. I believe that as impressive a leader as Bob is, he is even a better person. He is a loving family man, a selfless mentor, and a loyal friend. Bob Schaaf has achieved what most only aspire to accomplish."

— LAWRENCE R. MUROFF, M.D., FACR,
PAST CEO & PRESIDENT OF IMAGING
CONSULTANTS, INC.



CARONDELET AWARD
Katie Williams Szyman '84

This award is presented annually to a distinguished woman who is reflective of the charisms of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Derham Hall. Women who receive this award have attained eminence in their particular field of endeavor.

- Serves as Corporate Vice President — Critical Care of Edwards Lifesciences.
- Prior to 2015, she was employed for more than 20 years at Medtronic where she served as its Senior Vice President and President of the global diabetes business from 2009 to 2014.
- Graduated from the University of St. Thomas and earned her master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School.

"Katie is an exceptional person and leader. She cares deeply about her family and those she works with, and strives to ensure everyone feels like they belong and has opportunities to thrive. Katie is creative, inquisitive and always willing to share her views. Her leadership has allowed our company to excel and help more patients around the world."

— MIKE MUSSALLEM, CHAIRMAN AND
CEO AT EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES
CORPORATION

**HUGH DERHAM AWARD****Kristin Rolvaag Garey '67**

This award is presented annually to a person who is reflective of the charisms of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Derham Hall. Individuals who receive this award have exemplified Derham Hall's ideals of Christian love and a commitment to service.

- Followed the Christian call to be of service to those in need.
- Studied American Sign Language, earning her degree in Deaf Services through the University of Wisconsin at Superior.
- Holds a Master's in Vocational Rehabilitation, a degree which led to certification as a Rehabilitation Counselor for the State of Minnesota.
- Served clients with wide-range of disabilities and assisted them find employment opportunities.
- Completed a degree in Theology and was eligible for Ordination in the Lutheran Church, where she was a Lutheran pastor in Hovland, Minnesota for sixteen years.
- Used her interest in ministry and music to connect people, and mentored youth through her church and community.

"The seeds of love, service to others, and curiosity for the world that were planted in Kris Garey during her time at Derham Hall, have been watered and nurtured by the Holy Spirit through her life to provide abundant fruit in the world. Kris brings an unassuming, servant heart when she shows up for people as a fierce advocate for justice. I have been inspired by all the ways she lives out her faith in this world, locally and globally."

— CATHERINE ANDERSON, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY, NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD

**ST. DELASALLE AWARD****Brigadier General Paul Moga '91**

Presented in recognition of outstanding service to the community and exemplifying the highest and best traditions of Cretin High School.

- Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Commands the 4,300-member Cadet Wing and more than 200 Air Force and civilian personnel.
- Guides military, leadership, character development, Basic Cadet Training and Expeditionary Skills Training for the Air Force Cadet Wing in addition to providing facilities and logistical support.

"Brigadier General Moga has connected faith and actions to help others, with significant cost to him and his family. I am thankful that he values the importance of faith, prayer, and the 'wisdom from above' in seeking to do what is best. In many foreign countries and in defense of America, his life has pursued what the prophet Isaiah said: 'learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.'"

— CHAD S. MONTGOMERY, CH, LT COL, USAF, USAFA CADET WING CHAPLAIN

**RICHARD R. ENGLER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD****Brother Michael Rivers, FSC**

Presented in honor of former CDH President Dick Engler to honor a lifetime of exemplary service and dedication to CDH and the wider community.

- Has been a Christian Brother for over 50 years.
- Celebrated his retirement from CDH in 2019 after 37 years of service as a Learning Lab Teacher.
- Made a difference for thousands of young people over the course of his career.
- Earned a Distinguished Lasallian Educators Award in 2015.
- Dedicated his life to God through educating every student entrusted to his care and continues his involvement with the school during the week as he visits with students and staff.

"Brother Michael, more so than any educator I have known, is able to see Christ in his students. No matter the student or the situation they found themselves in, Brother met them where they were and walked with them. In my years of working alongside Brother Michael, he was never big on lecturing students or delivering a big lesson; he was always more about receiving the students, listening to them, and guiding them as he could. I have fond memories of seeing him interact with students who had hard outer shells — it was never long before he got them to crack a smile."

— JOE MILEY, LEARNING SPECIALIST, CDH



EUGENE & MARY FREY COMMUNITY AWARD Mike '83 & Amy Dickson

Presented in honor of Eugene '48 and Mary Frost Frey '52 to people who reflect the mission and values of CDH through their deep connections and involvement.

- As a founding member of the Lambert Dickson Group of RBC Wealth Management, Mike is a Senior Vice President, Managing Director and Financial Advisor.
- Amy attended the University of St. Catherine, earning a degree in Exercise Science and Nutrition. She is certified in the fields of health, wellness, and healing.
- Mike and Amy support each other by providing selfless examples of how to give energy to the people and activities they care about most.
- Currently, Mike serves as Chair of the Board for Cretin-Derham Hall.

"I have been fortunate to have known Mike Dickson since 1980, when I became the Principal of Cretin High School and Mike was a student. He is gifted in so many ways; but his sense of business dealings and entrepreneurship were incredible. He remained connected to his alma mater. After his children attended, he made the commitment to help CDH navigate through the times, serving as a member of the Board of Directors, and now as the Chair. If there was a need for help, Mike and Amy have answered the call, always without fanfare or attention to themselves."

— RICH KALLOK, FORMER COACH,
CDH FOOTBALL



SIGNUM FIDEI AWARD Anna Taylor Ciconte '13

The Signum Fidei award is presented to people whose career and actions are reflective of the ideals of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

- Studied Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement at Saint Mary's University.
- Interned with the Saint Paul Police Department, where she achieved a milestone in St. Paul Police history.
- At the age of 21, she was the first Female Academy president.
- Currently serves as a patrol officer in the Western District and enjoys being a positive impact in the St. Paul community.

"Anna is an amazing officer who is well respected by her peers and community. I had the honor to be Anna's first Patrol Commander and it was a pleasure to watch her grow and succeed. When something needs to be done, Anna is the "go-to" officer! I am excited to watch Anna continue to grow into an incredible leader within the St. Paul Police Department."

— SENIOR COMMANDER SHEILA LAMBIE,
HOMICIDE/ROBBERY UNIT, ST. PAUL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



SIGNUM FIDEI AWARD Lance Bonner '06

The Signum Fidei award is presented to people whose career and actions are reflective of the ideals of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

- Attended the University of Pittsburgh and served as the 2010 Student Commencement Speaker.
- Earned a law degree at Washington University in St. Louis.
- Worked as a corporate associate attorney in legal firms.
- Currently the Associate General Counsel with Pentair, providing legal support for corporate transactions with mergers and acquisitions and securities.

"Lance Bonner could not be more deserving of this recognition. He has already established himself as a pillar in the Minneapolis Corporate law community and still has a bright future ahead. Lance is brilliantly smart and business savvy. He is a creative problem-solver and an effective negotiator. Perhaps more importantly than all of that, though, he is a fantastic colleague and friend who always makes life better for those around him. There is no one else who I would rather have as a teammate."

— KATE SHERBURNE, PARTNER
FAEGRE DRINKER



SIGNUM FIDEI AWARD

Kendra Harris '09

The Signum Fidei award is presented to people whose career and actions are reflective of the ideals of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

- Studied Neuroscience and Behavior at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and continued her education at Meharry Medical College in Tennessee.
- Residency program is in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Recently recognized as an "Outstanding Resident in Gynecologic Oncology" at the Mayo Clinic.
- Long term, she hopes to practice in a system where she can both provide clinical and surgical care, while also mentoring younger doctors.

"Dr. Harris is a rare example of the kind of stellar physician who results from incredible dedication, insatiable advocacy, boundless insight, immeasurable empathy, and tireless hard work. Dr. Harris is a natural leader, and has pioneered clinical and diversity-focused initiatives at Mayo Clinic."

— DR. GRETCHEN GLASER, OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR, MAYO CLINIC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

"Kendra has always had a strong sense of herself but she also has a strong sense of her place in the community and the personal responsibility she holds to keep women well, in both body and spirit. Kendra is certainly skilled in medicine but, even more importantly, she teaches women and the poor that they deserve good health care and that they possess a power within themselves to create their own bright futures."

— SHEILA MALONE-POVOLNY, CDH ENGLISH TEACHER



SIGNUM FIDEI AWARD

Jim McGurran '04

The Signum Fidei award is presented to people whose career and actions are reflective of the ideals of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

- Career in the medical device industry contributed to device developments that help patients manage cardiorespiratory disease.
- Worked with fellow Cretin-Derham Hall class of 2004 alum Dr. Stephen Richardson in the early days of the pandemic to develop a device that could be used in the case of a ventilator shortage to save lives in emergency situations. The FDA-approved device is called The Coventor and has been donated to developing countries and the Strategic National Stockpile and has a direct impact on saving lives.

"Jim is truly a "rising star" in our company and our business. His hard work and dedication to MGC Diagnostics and his fellow employees shines bright to the point that he has made himself integral to the success of our company. Jim demonstrates his leadership on a daily basis by treating fellow employees with respect, offering guidance and direction, and modeling exemplary employee behavior. He shows care and concern for those who work under his management and puts people first in his decision making."

— BRIAN GORTER, A COLLEAGUE AT MGC DIAGNOSTICS

To learn more about each award winner, visit our website and watch their biographical videos.

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Help Locate Our Missing Alums

Please help us to locate these alums from the CDH classes of 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2006, and 2012. We encourage you to update your information, including: married name, email, address, and phone number online at c-dh.org/UpdateInformation or contact **Peggy Gartland Schafer '79** at pschafer@c-dh.org or 651-696-3318. Thank you.

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Jennifer A. Muehlegger
Barnes
Jessica L. Myhre
Nicholas P. Osberg
Daniel E. Pendleton
Bunna J. Sok-Khorn
Janet M. Thompson
Rennick
Rachel M. Wernet Sharvit

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Joshua J. Bates
Edward M. Boland
Christopher C. Corich
Stephanie A. Crowns
Dylan DiPrima
Andrew S. Guyette
Andrew Hahs
Maia T. Hendrickson
Zachary Howe
Tangela Lewis
Heidi A. Meisinger
Clinton M. Monson
Kathleen M. Pilney
Patrick J. Rafferty
David Skelton
John F. Thomas
Will Winterer

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Marissa J. Bertram
Meagan M. Conlin
Nicole Cragg
John C. Dailey
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Benjamin R. Doran
Joshua G. Ferber
Meghan E. Geraghty
Kathryn D. Hoffman
Rachel A. Jacobs
Brian B. Johnson
Andrew Jursich
Sara C. Lindsay
Rosemary McArdell
Stephanie L. Pihaly
Regnier
Andrew D. Roberto
Natalya Sheverdina
Kelly M. Simons
Lindsay M. Solum
Margaret Weidner
Mathew R. Winbigler

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Brendan T. Barrett
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Jacqueline Y. Chan
Amelia Clabots Marrone
Megan E. Clysdale
Daniel M. Doocy

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Angela P. Frid
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Nancy E. Parnell
Emily P. Ryan
John W. Senkler
Meredith A. Short
Stacy M. Skwier
Nichole M. Sommerhauser
Deguerre
Mary J. Sullivan Raab
Hilary B. Wanke
Matthew Yoswa

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Emily J. Redmond
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Kimly Sarin
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1940s

Cy DeCosse '47 of Cy DeCosse publishing, created and marketed a book series similar to Time Life books. In ten years time, Cy DeCosse Books, in various forms, were in 30 countries in 17 different languages.

1950s



▲ CDH and the Raider Varsity Basketball team were proud to have **Jack Huntley '54** as the Honorary Alumni Captain for their December 8 season opening win over Minneapolis South.

Samantha Mason Fordyce (formerly **Sharon Marie Mark '58**) has recently been appointed to the Solano County Civil Grand Jury in California (Unlike a Trial Jury, which exists only to try an individual case, the Solano County Civil Grand Jury is a permanent body with members serving one-year terms). She also serves on the board of the Vallejo Symphony and is a past Commodore of the Vallejo Yacht Club. According to Fordyce, "This service is my way of giving back to my community. I learned the importance of community service when I was at Derham Hall."

1960s

Joe Delmont '61 had a book, *Cretin '61: A Class Memoir*, published. It is a snapshot of his school days in 1957-1961.

The *Cretin '61 Memoir Book* was put together by nearly 50 classmates and contains memories of Cretin days as well as school information, 1961 commencement

details, biographical sketches of the Brothers, lay faculty, and coaches, tidbits about sixties social life, military activities, classroom antics, plus a look back at the St. Paul social scene. It is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

1970s

Br. Pat Conway '71, former VP of Mission and Identity at Christian Brothers University, Memphis, is now facilitating and teaching in the Social Justice Institute at CBU with a renewed focus on students and faculty.

Mary Lynn Peterson Haag '72 was featured in a Facebook "Saint Paul Yesterday" post about a photo from 1970.

Nora McGuire '73 has been named a 2023 National Girls & Women in Sports Day — Minnesota honoree. National Girls & Women in Sports Day — Minnesota is organized by the Minnesota Coalition of Women in Athletic Leadership, a volunteer group whose mission is to advocate for Title IX by celebrating and commemorating Minnesota individuals and organizations that inspire the participation of girls and women in sports.

Kerry Casey '79, is a local author of five books and one book of poetry. His latest book is titled *The Wager* and is a story about a greenskeeper who goes up against a prima donna tour player in a multimillion-dollar golf match that he has no chance of winning—until he becomes involved with the LPGA's No. 2 golfer. All of his works can be found on his website.

1980s

Tom Griep '80 was appointed CEO and President of Murphy Warehouse Company. He is the first non-family member to lead the company in its 100 year history.

Joe Gallagher '82 will work this year's Ryder Cup in Guidonia Montecelio, Italy Sept. 29 – Oct. 1. It will be his 10th Ryder Cup.

Jenny Markert '83, a CDH English teacher, published her first novel "Waterlines" about a Minnesota lake life.

Laure Waschbusch '84 went on vacation to Istanbul and Georgia.

1990s



▲ **Chad Donnelly '93** recently went to Nairobi, Africa with the UMD chapter of "Engineers without Borders" to assist with water treatment and distribution for a village of 2500 people. It was a successful trip. The system was installed and is fully functional. The village has never had clean water available to them. He is currently working as the Assistant Utility Superintendent at City of Richfield.

John Zobitz '98 is a Professor of Mathematics and Data Science at Augsburg University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is an affiliated member of the Ecological Forecasting Network and regularly taught at Fluxcourse, an annual summer course for measurements and modeling of ecosystem biogeochemical fluxes. He has a new textbook available for pre-order.

Valerie Johnson Corrigan '99 is an Emergency Medicine Specialist and was recently named as a Top Doctor by *Minnesota Monthly Magazine*. She practices at Ridgeview Medical Center and Two Twelve Medical Center.

Michelle Salmen Williams '99 is starting a new position at Mozilla as a Director of Product Marketing for Firefox. Michelle previously worked as a Product Marketing Lead at Meta (Facebook) and Amazon.



2000s

Brian Knutson '00 assumed the Military Science Department Chair role for University of Wisconsin La Crosse, Viterbo University, and Winona State University.

Mike Halley '01 and **Joe Mauer '01** met up at the lunch table in our cafeteria that forged a friendship and inspired a story that was published by author Joe Schmit, KSTP Sports, about their shared experience in high school at CDH. The story of their friendship illustrates how small efforts yield a big impact. The two men are working with Schmit and Thumbs Up High Foundation to film and distribute their story as a tool to inspire middle and high school students to have an impact on others in small but meaningful ways.

John McCarten '05, known by his alias Manic Focus, has found success as an electronic music producer in Chicago, IL. He is one of the top DJs in his field in the country. There is an article about him in *Forbes* magazine.

Totino Grace's boys basketball team won the 2022 Class AAA State Title under Head Coach **Nick Carroll '06**.



▲ **Rafael Eubanks '06** participated in the 2022 Indigenous Bowl put on by 7G Foundation and hosted by the Minnesota Vikings. This is the only event in the country highlighting Native athletes.

Michael R. Johnson '06 was recently named a Rising Star in the field of workers' compensation by *Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine*. He is employed by Fields Law Firm.

Zach Cizek '07 was honored with the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from St. Mary's University of Minnesota for his success in the medical device industry as well as building Bollito's, an Italian sauce company.

Tommy Hannon '08 was inducted into the University of St. Thomas Athletic Hall of Fame.

2010s



▲ **Mark Alt '10** stopped by CDH for a visit. He is retired from his professional hockey career and is working in commercial insurance with Holmes Murphy and Associates in Minneapolis.

Faryn Hughes '10, a local artist, had her illustrations featured in a State Fair article for the *Pioneer Press*. Check out her web site to see more of her work.

Andrea S. Boeckers '15 joined Fredrikson & Byron as an associate in their Minneapolis office.



▲ **Erin Roberge '16** was hired by the Packers as the first female full-time trainer in franchise history. She has been working with the Packers as an intern since the summer of 2020.

Michael Magnuson '17 made All MIAC Academic Honors.

Ryan Larson '18 is playing with the College of Charleston's nationally ranked Cougars and nicknamed "The Mayor."

Daniel Oturo '18 held a youth basketball camp at Cretin-Derham Hall for the second time this summer.

Frannie Hottinger '19, a senior women's basketball starter at Lehigh University, was recently named the Patriot League Player of the Year. She played to a hometown crowd when Lehigh faced the University of Minnesota at Williams Arena. She remains the CDH girls basketball all-time leading scorer with 1,908 career points while a Raider.

Emily King '19 is a senior Economics major at Union College in Schenectady, New York. She is the captain of the women's ice hockey team.

2020s

Joseph Akoh '20 and **Cam Jackson '20** were both recognized as Phillips Scholars. They are both Juniors at St. John's University.

Stella Dolan '20 is a junior at Bemidji State University (BSU), studying Marketing and Sports Management. She recently accepted a position as a Sponsorship Scout at SponsorUnited. Additionally, she is on the BSU Athletic Media Relations staff.

Curtis Jones '20 led the UB Bulls basketball team in scoring during the regular season this year, averaging 15.1 points per game.

Tre Halloman '22 was highlighted in the *Lansing State Journal* as a stand-out for their basketball team.

In Memoriam

This is a compilation of deceased alumni and friends known to us that died between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.
Please remember in your prayers our deceased Cretin Derham Hall and Cretin-Derham Hall alumni and their families especially:

Norma C. Finnegan
Richard B. Fleischhacker
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Benjamin P. James
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Kenneth A. Nelson
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Matthew Peloski
Christopher Royston

Mary Madonna Ashton, CSJ '40
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Denise Wiley '72
Peggy Zenner Hansen '72
Joseph P. Gehlen '73
Robert D. Salmen '73
Gary L. Cook '74
Mary Hanegraaf Reeve '76
Michael G. Kelly '80
Julie Diedrich Helleksen '82
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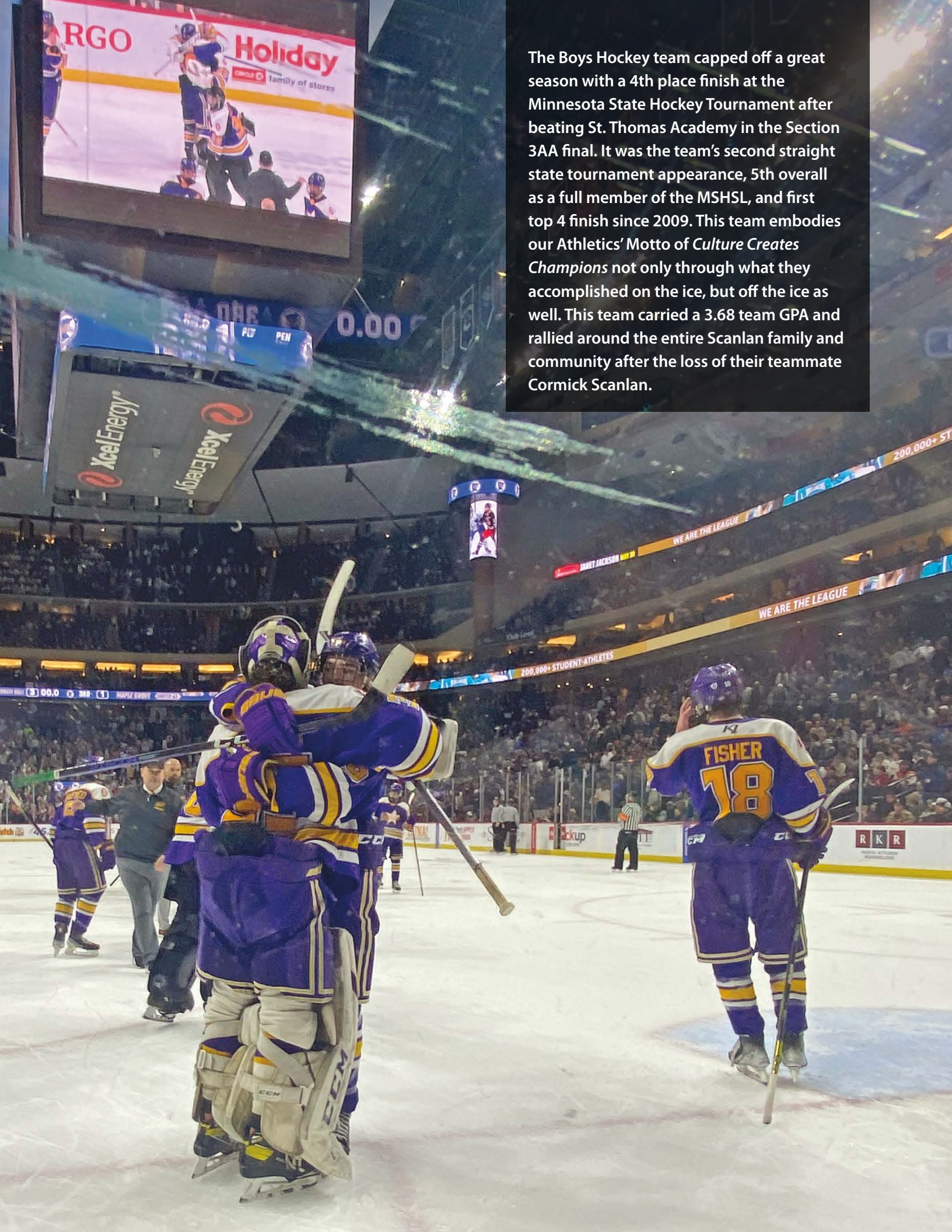
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